GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Socio-Economic Census
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has released latest socio-economic data on rural India, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-Wise;

(b) whether more than 5 crore families in the country are still landless and depend on manual labour for income, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken/being taken for their socio-economic upliftment for assuring their regular source of income and skill development; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide interest subsidy to make credit cheaper and remove a cap on spending under the National Rural Livelihood Mission, if so, the details thereof along with the timeline, if any, fixed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 39 for answer on 25th January, 2016.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Rural Development launched a Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 which was carried out by the respective State/Union Territory Government with the financial and technical support of the Government of India. On July 3, 2015, Government released (online) the provisional data from the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 for Rural India. The State/UT − wise SECC data and the number of landless households deriving a major part of their income from manual labour is given at Annex.

(c) & (d) : With the objective to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through employment generation, strengthening of livelihoods, development of skills, rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities, Ministry of Rural Developmentis implementing various rural development programmes in rural areas of the country, namely, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), renamed as Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), Indira AwaasYojana (IAY) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP). Placement Linked Skill Development under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya − Grameen KaushalyaYojana (DDU-GKY) is one of the components of DAY − NRLM which seeks to build the Skills of the poor rural youth and place them in relatively higher wage employment sectors of the economy. The ceiling of 25% for allocating fund for Aajeevika Skills (DDU-GKY) under DAY-NRLM has been removed to make provisions on a demand driven basis within the overall budgetary provision available under NRLM.

Interest subvention is provided to NRLM Self Help Groups (SHGs) to cover the difference between the bank's lending rate of interest and 7%, on credit availed by the SHGs from the banks for a maximum of Rs 3, 00,000 per SHG.